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Winter, 1999

director's notes

The Center for Urban Horticulture is firing on all cylinders these days, as evidenced by significant accomplishments in ALL our program areas. New undergraduate and graduate students have arrived to replace those who have graduated, and substantial improvements to the undergraduate curriculum are in the works thanks to Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott and the rest of the faculty. In October we entertained the director of the Center for Plant Conservation, Dr. Brien Meilleur, and explored future collaborations as Dr. Sarah Reichard and her students increase our activity in the conservation of plant species threatened by urban development. In the Arboretum, Dr. John Wott, Horticulturist Christina Pfeiffer, and their staff have finished an admirable upgrade of Rhododendron Glen. Dr. Wott and CUH staff also hosted the western regional meeting of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. Dr. Kathy Wolf is preparing CUH "fact sheets" on the value and management of Seattle's urban forest, which I expect to be available during this winter quarter. And of course we have officially dedicated the wonderful Orin and Althea Soest Herbaceous Display Garden at CUH; next on the docket are the Northwest Explorers' Garden and a patio garden, as well as a substantial renovation of the Marilou Goodfellow Grove.

Your generosity, of both volunteer time and financial resources, enables us to serve our diverse constituents better each year. If you have not volunteered before, perhaps this is the year to investigate our many opportunities in all program areas, ranging from guiding tours in the Arboretum to working the reception desk to helping visitors in the Miller Horticultural library to pulling loosestrife in the Union Bay Natural Area. On the fiscal front, please include us in your philanthropic plans in 1999; call Laura Lipton at the Center for ideas that range from supporting students to purchasing library books to establishing and endowing major gardens and programs. Thank you all very much for your continuing support.

Clement Hamilton, Director, Center for Urban Horticulture

arboretum plant study program

Each section of this ongoing study program focuses on a different set of trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers in the Washington Park Arboretum, and includes field work on plant identification, plus discussions of plant selection, placement, and function within the urban environment. Handouts will include complete cultural information for all the plants studied, plus a map will be provided so that students can mark favorite plants for future reference or return visits.

In each section you will study **at least 20 plants** not covered in any other section during the same calendar year; over 240 plants will be covered in the **twelve sections annually**. Plants will be studied in the season of their most distinguishing characteristics (flowers, fruits, etc.).

Winter, Section A: **Saturday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Randall Hitchin, Collections Manager & Recorder, UW CUH-Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $20 general public, $18 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, size limited

Winter, Section B: **Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Eric Gay, M.F.R. Student, UW Center for Urban Horticulture
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $20 general public, $18 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, size limited

Winter, Section C: **Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Instructor: Scott Conner, Consultant Horticulturist, Conner Enterprises
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $20 general public, $18 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, size limited

calendar of events

january

17 **2:30pm**, UB
Cactus Society

Every Sunday:
1pm, WPA
Guided Tour

4 **7pm**, UB
Ornithological Society

7:30pm, UB
Iris Society

11 **7pm**, UB
Orchid Society

12 **12:30pm,WPA**
Tuesdays in the Garden Work Party

7:30pm, UB
Puget Sound Mycological Society

19 **7:30pm**, UB
Rose Society

26 **6:30pm**, UB
Assoc. Women in Landscaping

13 **7:30pm**, UB*
NHS Lecture: The Ecosystem of the Garden

20 **7pm, WPA***
Pruning Small Trees

14 **7:40pm**, UB
Rock Garden Society

21 **7pm**, UB
Audubon Society

7:30pm, UB*
UW/WSU Lecture: Fruits for the Small Home Garden

23 **9am, WPA***
Pruning Small Trees

30 **9:30am**, UB
Seattle Tree Fruit Society

Every Saturday:
1pm, WPA
Guided Tour

february

7 **2pm, WPA***
Pressed Flower Valentine's

21 **2:30pm**, UB
Cactus Society

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Every Sunday:
1pm, WPA
Guided Tour

1 **7pm**, UB
Ornithological Society

7:30pm, UB
Iris Society

8 **7pm**, UB
Orchid Society

22 **9am**, UB
Snoqualmie District Garden Clubs

7pm, UB
Puget Sound Bonsai Association

9 **12:30pm,WPA**
Tuesdays in the Garden Work Party

7:30pm, UB
Puget Sound Mycological Society

16 **S:30pm***
Northwest Flower & Garden Show Preview Party

7:30pm, UB
Rose Society

23 **6:30pm**, UB
Assoc. Women in Landscaping

10 **7pm**, UB*
PlantAmnesty

7pm, UB*
NHS Lecture: All You Want to Know About Clematis

17 Northwest Flower & Garden Show

11 **7pm, WPA***
Rose Selection & Care

7:40pm, UB
Rock Garden Society

18 **7pm**, UB
Audubon Society

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

19 Northwest Flower & Garden Show

6 **9am, WPA***
Arboretum Plant Study Program

20 Northwest Flower & Garden Show

27 **8:30am, WPA***
Pruning Fruit Trees

9am, UB*
NHS Symposium: Colo in the Garden

9:30am, UB
Seattle Tree Fruit Society

Every Saturday:
1pm, WPA
Guided Tour

march

21 **2:30pm**, UB
Cactus Society

Every Sunday:
1pm, WPA
Guided Tour

1 **7pm**, UB
Ornithological Society

7:30pm, UB
Iris Society

8 **7pm**, UB
Orchid Society

22 **7pm**, UB
Puget Sound Bonsai Association

9 **12:30pm,WPA**
Tuesdays in the Garden Work Party

7:30pm, UB*
Tree & Shrub Selection/Placement

16 **7:30pm, UB***
Tree & Shrub Selection/Placement

7:30pm, UB
Rose Society

23 **6:30pm**, UB
Assoc. Women in Landscaping

7:30pm, UB*
Tree & Shrub Selection/Placement

10 **7pm**, UB*
NHS Lecture: Designing the Multi-season Perennial Garden

11 **7pm, UB***
PropShop: Divisions & Root Cuttings

7:40pm, UB
Rock Garden Society

18 **7pm**, UB
Audubon Society

7:30pm, UB*
UW/WSU Lecture: Old Garden Roses & Modern Shrub Roses

7:30pm, UB
Primrose Society

6 **9am, WPA***
Arboretum Plant Study Program

10am, WPA
Arboretum Foundation Used Book Sale

13 **8:30am, WPA***
Pruning Shrubs

20 **9am, WPA***
Arboretum Plant Study Program

27 **9am, UB***
Design Studio: Perennial Borders

9:30am, UB
Seattle Tree Fruit Society

Every Saturday:
1pm, WPA
Guided Tour

UB = Union Bay Campus
WPA = Washington Park Arboretum
* = Fee

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gardening & horticulture programs

Pruning Small Trees

Dates & Times: Two-part course; Wednesday, January 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, January 23, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Lou Stubecki, Certified Arborist, UW CUH-Washington Park Arboretum, and Mary Calvert, Gardener, Seattle City Light
Location: Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Fee: $30 general public, $28 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Proper pruning and training can keep your small landscape trees safer, healthier and more attractive. Learn when and how to prune your deciduous landscape trees in this introductory level lecture and demonstration course.

Pruning Fruit Trees

Date & Time: Saturday, February 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Bess Bronstein, Horticulture Instructor & Consultant
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA & local home orchard
Fee: $28 general public, $26 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Healthy, productive fruit trees require precisely executed pruning and training, along with proper fertility and pest management. Study how, when and why to prune your home fruit trees in this introductory level lecture and demonstration course.

Tree and Shrub Selection and Placement

Dates & Times: Three-part course, Tuesdays, March 9, 16, and 23, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each night.
Instructor: Pat Roome, Landscape Designer
Location: Douglas Classroom, UW CUH-Union Bay
Fee: $45 general public, $42 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Learn to select the right plant for the right place. This intermediate level lecture course will focus on selecting plant materials based on site and function requirements in the landscape. Basic plant knowledge is a prerequisite; course not appropriate for beginners.

Pruning Shrubs

Date & Time: Saturday, March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Bess Bronstein, Horticulture Instructor & Consultant
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $28 general public, $26 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Discover when, why and how to prune your evergreen and deciduous landscape shrubs in this introductory level lecture and demonstration course. Principles of hedge design and development will also be discussed.

WSU Practical Gardening Lectures

These entry level lectures and demonstrations for beginning gardeners are planned jointly with the WSU Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program, and are presented by experienced WSU Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension staff.

Fruits for the Small Home Garden

Date & Time: Thursday, January 21, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Holly Kennell, Area Extension Agent, Snohomish & King Counties
Location: Douglas Classroom, UW CUH-Union Bay
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Selecting & Growing Old Garden Roses & Modern Shrub Roses

Date & Time: Thursday, March 18, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Don Morrow, Rosarian & WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, UW CUH-Union Bay
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

design studio

These studios provide the opportunity to problem solve with a top landscape designer. They are *not* for those individuals interested in designing their garden from scratch, but rather are for *persons working to correct or enhance existing landscapes.*

Each studio includes a brief discussion of the focus topic, followed by opportunities for each attendee to discuss their needs with the designer while the rest of the attendees listen to and participate in the problem-solving discussions that ensue. In order to enhance the studio experience, each student is asked to bring along a scale drawing of the garden area under consideration, as well as photos, illustrations or other relevant resources on the site to be discussed.

Focus on Perennial Borders

Date & Time: Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: Michaela Groeblacher, Designer
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $30; pre-registration required, class size limited to 12

youth & family programs

For more information or to schedule any of the following programs, please contact the Arboretum Education Office, Monday-Friday, at (206) 543-8800/8801.

Saplings School Program Tours

Tours are offered Monday-Friday. Maximum of 60 students. All tours begin at 10 a.m. Cost is $10 per 15 students or fewer. Scholarships are available. Limited number of slots available.

Grades K-2: Discover Plants

Plants and people... more alike than you think! This program will introduce younger students to the wonderful world of plants. By exploring the Arboretum, children will observe the colors, shapes, sounds, and smells around them as they learn what plants (and people) need to grow and be healthy.

Grades 3-6: The Life Cycle of A Plant: Spring Sprouts (April & May only)

What is the reason for a flower? Discover the secrets of springtime as you learn about the life cycle of plants. Follow the path from flower to fruit, and perpetuate the cycle by planting seeds of your own to take home.

Grades 3-8: Plants and People of the Northwest

What is a native plant? How have these plants been used in the past and how are they used now? Students will learn to identify several Northwest native plants and discover their past and present importance.

Grades K-8: Wetland Ecology Walk

Explore the complex world of a wetland ecosystem. Foster Island provides a unique opportunity for students to study an urban wetland up close and discover the importance of wetlands.

Arboretum Explorer Packs

Lead your own group or family on an exploration of the Arboretum. Packs are filled with field guides, magnifying lenses, and activity ideas to help you learn more about the plants, animals, and habitats found in the Arboretum.

Topics: Marsh Madness
Tree-tective

Dates & Times: Two-hour rentals available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round

Fees: $15 per pack for groups of seven or more, $5 per pack for groups of six or f ewer, FREE to Arboretum Foundation member families; pre-registration and two weeks advance notice required

Self-Guided Learning Opportunities

Use the Arboretum as your outdoor classroom. This 230-acre, centrally located urban forest offers a wealth of study material and experimental opportunities, and we will assist you in planning your visit by offering information on specific subject areas and plant collections free of charge. Groups of 10 or more must schedule their visit with the Education Office by phoning (206) 543-8800/8801.

walks & tours

Tour: GARDENS & VILLAS OF ITALY

May 16-28

Join us for this once in a lifetime journey to visit and study some of the most beautiful and famous gardens and villas in the world. Fine examples of 16th- through 20th-century garden design, architecture, and sculpture will be encountered as we journey from Rome into the heart of Tuscany and the fabulous city of Florence. Gardens and villas to be visited in Rome include the Vatican Gardens, Villa Medici, Giardino di Ninfa, Giardini della Landriana, Castel Gandolfo and Villa D'Este. Near Viterbo we visit Villa Farnese, Bomarzo, and Villa Lante. Near Lucca and Pisa we visit Villa Chigi Cetinale, Castello di Celsa, Villa Reale, Villa Mansi, Villa Garzoni and Villa Torrigiani. In Florence we visit Villa della Petraia, Villa la Pietra, Boboli Garden, Villa Gamberaia, Villa i Tatti and Villa Capponi.

For a brochure with complete itinerary and detailed descriptions of each site, plus costs and sign-up information, please contact Dave Stockdale or Jean Robins at the Center at (206) 685-8033. The sign-up deadline is April 2.

Guided Tours of the Arboretum

Explore the Arboretum's unique Winter Garden, where grasses, barks, berries and flowers enliven even the darkest winter days. Encourage your club, senior center, community center or organization to sign up for one of these 60 to 90 minute walks.

Topics:	Seasonal Interest Foster Island Ecology Native Plants & Ethnobotany
Dates & Times:	Guided hikes are available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round
Fees:	$15 per 15 general public adults, $10 per 15 Arboretum Foundation members
Contact:	Call 543-8800 to reserve a guide; three weeks advance reservation required

Free Guided Arboretum Walks

Every Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m., FREE public tours depart from the Graham Visitors Center in the Arboretum. Walks highlight areas and collections of seasonal interest. Walks are not offered in December, on holidays, or on Husky home football game Saturdays.

prop shop

Each section focuses on a different aspect of plant propagation and includes a discussion of the featured technique, including when and with which plants it is best used, followed by a demonstration of skills, and hands-on practice by participants whenever possible.

Divisons & Root Cuttings

Date & Time:	Thursday, March 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor:	Paul Smith, Gardener, UW CUH-Washington Park Arboretum
Location:	Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee:	$18 general public, $16 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required, class size limited

special events

LOVE IN BLOOM

Join us for this weeklong Valentine's Day celebration in the Washington Park Arboretum featuring programs for all ages and interests! Note that some events require pre-registration.

Pressed Flower Valentines

Date & Time: Sunday, February 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.
Location: Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA)
Fee: $1 per card; NO pre-registration required – just come on in!

Great drop-in activity for kids of all ages! Make and take home pressed flower Valentine's Day cards for those special people in your life. All materials provided; you may bring additional items from home if desired.

Rose Selection & Care

Date & Time: Thursday, February 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Robert Nelson, Owner, Cottage Creek Nursery
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $10 general public, $9 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

What could be more romantic than giving your love a rose you have grown yourself? Join us and learn which roses grow best in our region in this colorful slide lecture. Review watering, fertilizing, pruning and other management skills for America's favorite flower.

Valentine's Day Arboretum Tour

Date & Time: Sunday, February 14; special guided tour departs at 1 p.m.
Departs from: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Guided Tour Fee: FREE

Join us for this special edition of our free Sunday at One guided walk through the Arboretum. Guides will highlight the diversity of winter blooms and fragrances.

Or if you prefer, spend your afternoon together alone in the Washington Park Arboretum. Stroll through the Winter Garden to see the beautiful blooms, barks and berries of late winter. Wander through Rhododendron Glen, up Honeysuckle Hill, down Azalea Way or over to Foster Island.

In either case, hot chocolate will be served in the lobby all afternoon, so join us for a romantic journey in the Arboretum, and enjoy Love in Bloom!

NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

February 17-21
Washington State Convention & Trade Center

It's time again for one of the premier events of its kind in North America! The theme for the 1999 Northwest Flower & Garden Show is "Gardens of the Future" and it should yield many fun surprises. The Center's Dave Stockdale will again coordinate the show's seminar program, which will include show judges Piet Oudulf from Holland, Derek Fell from Pennsylvania, and Jack Chandler from California. For more information, including the show schedule and ticket prices, advance ticket purchase options, and the complete seminar schedule, contact the Northwest Flower & Garden Show office at (206) 789-5333.

NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW PREVIEW PARTY

February 16, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Washington State Convention & Trade Center

Celebrate spring early with this gala preview of the Northwest Flower & Garden Show. Join us for an elegant evening of champagne, food, music, a silent auction, and the opportunity to view the fabulous display gardens without the huge crowds! All proceeds from this event benefit the collections of the Washington Park Arboretum. Call the Arboretum Foundation office at (206) 325-4510 for ticket information.

arboretum foundation news

Annual Used Book Sale

Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum. Good prices on a wide selection of used books. Don't miss this annual reader's delight. Call 325-4510 for more information.

Arboretum Plan Presentations

Slide presentations and discussions about the Arboretum Master Plan can be scheduled for groups of 15 or more by calling (206) 325-4510.

Pat Calvert Plant Sales

A wide variety of plants are available for purchase from the Pat Calvert Greenhouse in the Arboretum every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to Noon, and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plant Donations Sales

The Plant Donations Department is open again beginning in March. Members sell favorites from their own gardens at great prices. Hours are Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Member Discounts

Arboretum Foundation members enjoy a 10% discount in the Arboretum Gift Shop, discounts on selected CUH programs, and receive invitations to members-only events. Call (206) 325-4510 to join!

Holland at Tulip Time

Arboretum Foundation tour to Holland, April 15-25. Cost is $3,030 per person, including a donation to the Arboretum Foundation. For more information call the office at (206) 325-4510 and leave a message for Barbara Keightley or Mary Ellen Mulder.

northwest horticultural society news

Lectures and classes, unless noted, are $5 for NHS members, students & seniors, $10 for non-members; call the NHS office at (206) 527-1794.

Garden Ecosystem Lecture

The Ecosystem of the Garden, lecture by Susan Black, Wednesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Internet Gardening Class

Exploring Gardening on the Internet, class & demonstration by Brian Thompson, Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Isaacson Classroom, CUH.

Clematis Lecture

All You Want To Know About Clematis, lecture by Raymond Evison, Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Perennial Garden Lecture

Designing the Multi-Season Perennial Garden, lecture by Edith Eddleman, Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Color in the Garden Symposium

Color in the Garden, symposium featuring Helen Dillon, Topher Delaney, Lynden Miller, James David, Charles Price, Glen Withey, Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH, $85 non-members, $65 NHS members.

Mail payment and registration to:

Urban Horticulture Courses
University of Washington
Box 354115
Seattle, Washington 98195-4115

Or you may register in person at the Union Bay campus, 3501 NE 41st St., M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (206) 685-8033.

Please make checks payable to the University of Washington. No bank cards.

Registrations are filled in the order received. Enrollment is limited, classes fill rapidly – register early. A portion of fees may cover refreshments and speaker expenses.

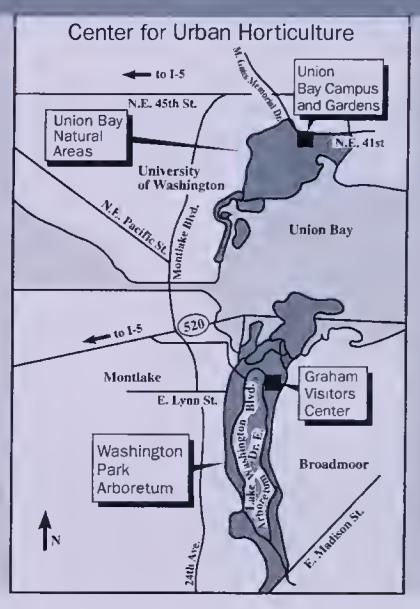
Refunds: Requests for refunds on events not attended must be made in advance in writing, by phone or fax, or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $5.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds can be given after the first class meeting.

If a program is cancelled for any reason a full refund will be given to all enrollees. Refunds may require four weeks for processing.

Returned Checks: An $18.00 service fee will be charged for returned checks.

Special Needs: To request disability accommodation, please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at least ten days in advance of an event: (206) 543–6450 (voice); (206) 543–6452 (TDD); or by e-mail at access@u.washington.edu.

Class Locations and Parking: Program locations are listed with each program description. The Graham Visitors Center at Washington Park Arboretum is located at 2300 Arboretum Drive East; free parking is located adjacent to the building. Douglas Classroom, NHS Hall and the other meeting facilities at Union Bay are located at 3501 NE 41st Street; prepaid parking is located adjacent to the buildings.



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registration form

program	fee	af members	# spaces	total fee
Arboretum Plant Study Program				
Section A (February 6)	$20	$18		
Section B (March 6)	$20	$18		
Section C (March 20)	$20	$18		
Gardening & Horticulture Programs				
Pruning Small Trees	$30	$28		
Pruning Fruit Trees	$28	$26		
Tree & Shrub Selection & Placement	$45	$42		
Pruning Shrubs	$28	$26		
WSU Practical Gardening Lectures: Fruits for the Small Home Garden	$5			
WSU Practical Gardening Lectures: Selecting & Growing Old & Shrub Roses	$5			
Design Studio				
Focus on Perennial Borders	$30			
Prop Shop				
Divisions & Root Cuttings	$18	$16		
Special Events				
Rose Selection & Care	$10	$9		

Check enclosed for:

(Please make check payable to University of Washington)

Name

Address

City **State** **Zip**

Phone – (day) (evening) **Fax**

Plant Information On-Line: The Miller Library now has a new web subscription service that gives current mail order sources for plants, and also indexes books and journal articles on more than 75,000 plants. Plant Information Online is a new service by those fabulous indexers who produce the indispensable *Anderson Horticultural Library Source List of Plants and Seeds*. This new service also has links to the web pages of many North American nursery and seed catalog firms, so you can get all the most current information quickly and easily. Come in to the library and ask for a demonstration.

Gifts Received: A generous gift from the Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation will make possible the construction of an information kiosk at the entrance to the Union Bay Natural Area. The kiosk will be unveiled during a celebration on site later this spring. Many thanks to the foundation for their support. Another very special gift was received from the Bullitt Foundation to develop a new *ex situ* native plant conservation program. This is a matching gift program, and additional support is needed. Please call Sarah Reichard or Laura Lipton at (206) 543-8616 if you can help with a donation or if you would like to volunteer in the new conservation laboratory.

Arboretum Plan Meetings: A series of public meetings continued throughout this past fall in which community members added valuable comments regarding the Arboretum Plan. All of the ideas expressed were collected and will be used to define changes and alternatives for the next round of public review. A 26-minute slide set has been developed, and John Wott, Clem Hamilton, and Deb Andrews have been presenting it to community groups, horticultural organizations, and arboretum units. So far they have visited over 40 groups from Vancouver, B.C. to Portland. If you would like a presentation or to host a discussion about the Arboretum Plan, call Bryan Talbee at (206) 325-4510.

CUH Fictionalized: Now in bookstores is a new mystery *Seattle Ghost Story* by Nick DiMartino. Its heroine, Pepper Merino, is a graduate student in the College of Forest Resources, with an office at CUH! She is writing her thesis on the reforestation of Ravenna Park, and volunteers for the Tree Stewards, so there are lots of familiar locations and activities. Will you recognize slightly fictionalized accounts of any real CUH characters?

Funds Received: The Arboretum has recently been the recipient of two major estates totalling $570,000. The monies from the estates of Theodosia Eggert and Edith Lange will be used for the care and management of the Arboretum. These gifts will be used to ensure the long-term care and future of this wonderful garden.

Hellebore Open House: On Saturday, February 13, Heronswood Nursery near Kingston will open its nursery and gardens to the public for a hellebore sale and lectures by Will McLewin, all to benefit the Miller Library. McLewin is from Phedar Nursery in England, and is a hellebore hybridizer and collector. Join the Miller Library staff at this fun event, and stock up on the best and newest hellebores.

Gifts Needed: If you have recently upgraded your home computer and would like to donate your 486 or newer desktop model to our new conservation laboratory, please contact Laura Lipton at (206) 543-8616 or lipton@u.washington.edu. Other items on our wish list include: a used (but not too old) slide projector for off-site public programs; a laser printer for the Hortorium; and a laptop computer for the Arboretum Collections Manager. All contributions are tax-deductible.

AABGA Meeting A Success: The Center and Arboretum hosted the Pacific Regional meeting of the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta this past October. Many WPA/CUH staff presented lectures and over 90 persons attended some portion of this very successful event.

volunteer news & opportunities

New Volunteers: WPA is pleased to welcome the following new volunteers: Tracy Barber, Adam Bennett, Ellen Brooke, Lesley Canfield, Becky Carlson, Kim Frappier, Donna Gillespie, Donald Gowing, Claudia Haase, Jamie Haviland, Mark Herkert, Ryan Hopkins, Ingrid Hoveland, Tina Jensen, Judy Lang, Ilon Logan, Courtney Longstreth, Mandy Matzke, Nancy Moreland, Darian Smolar, Anna Witte, and Will Yates.

Winter Dessert Buffet: Be on the lookout for your invitation to the annual Volunteer Dessert Buffet later this winter. Great food and a dynamic presentation are the hallmarks of this annual volunteer recognition and appreciation event.

Arboretum Guide Training: The Arboretum Guide Training Program begins in February. Immerse yourself in Arboretum collections, plant biology, and interpretation techniques so that you can share your new knowledge with others. The ten-week course prepares you to lead tours for school groups, adults and the general public. A flexible schedule and a commitment to a minimum of sixty hours of volunteering in the upcoming year are required. Call Julie DeBarr at (206) 543-8800/8801 for more information or an application.

Youth Volunteers Needed: Arboretum volunteers share the excitement of the natural world with 5,000 students each year. Spring is a beautiful and busy time of year and you can help us get ready! Sign up now to volunteer if you enjoy working with children, care about the environment, love working outdoors, and can donate a couple of hours each week. Training begins mid-March. Call the Arboretum Education Office at (206) 543-8800/8801 for more information.

Union Bay Natural Area Volunteers: The managers of the Union Bay Natural Area are seeking volunteers to help with plant restoration projects, remove weeds, and propagate native plant species for the Union Bay Marsh. Some projects are short-term and others require a longer commitment; hours are flexible. For information or to volunteer, contact Perry Gayaldo at (206) 543-6828 or gayaldo@u.washington.edu.

Front Desk Volunteers: CUH Union Bay needs volunteer receptionists for Mondays and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m. Other shifts may also be available. Contact Ray Larson at (206) 616-9113 for more information.

Work Parties Continue: "Tuesdays in the Garden" work parties will be held January 12, February 9, March 9, at 12:30 p.m. each day. Contact Christina Pfeiffer at (206) 328-4182 for more information.

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